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SUBJ: TIJUANA POLICEMAN ARRESTED FOR EXTORTING TOURISTS

1. TIJUANA POLICEMAN ARRESTED ON JULY 26 AFTER CONGEN NOTIFIED STATE OFFICE OF PROTECTION TO TOURISM OF EXTORTION INCIDENT INVOLVING U.S. CITIZEN. ALTHOUGH THE POLICEMAN HAS REPORTEDLY ENGAGED IN OTHER EXTORTION DEMANDS OF BOTH MEXICAN AND AMERICAN MOTORISTS, WE BELIEVE PROMPT ACTION BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES AFTER OUR BRINGING MATTER TO THEIR ATTENTION UNDERSCORES BOTH EFFECTIVENESS OF STATE OFFICE OF PROTECTION OF TOURISTS AND THE DESIRE BY BAJA AUTHORITIES TO PUT AN END TO IMPROPER BEHAVIOR BY POLICE.

2. DR. SEYMOUR CANE, 5694 PROSPECT ROAD, SAN JOSE, CALIF. REPORTED TO CONGEN THAT HE AND HIS FAMILY WERE STOPPED JULY 20 BY TIJUANA MOTOR POLICEMAN WHO ATTEMPTED TO "FINE" THEM U.S. DOLLARS 60 FOR ALLEGEDLY PASSING STOP SIGN AS THEY ENTERED LA MESA, SUBURB OF TIJUANA, EVENING OF JULY 20, 1978. WHEN DR. CANE REFUSED TO PAY MONEY, POLICEMAN TOOK HIS DRIVER'S LICENSE AND CAR REGISTRATION PAPERS AND TOLD HIM TO FOLLOW HIM TO POLICE STATION IN LA MESA SECTION OF TIJUANA. POLICEMAN THEN DISAPPEARED AND DR. CANE IMMEDIATELY REPORTED INCIDENT TO CONGEN.

3. CONOFF SUGGESTED TO DR. CANE THAT HE REPORT INCIDENT TO STATE OFFICE OF PROTECTION TO TOURISTS. CONOFF ALSO REPORTED UNCLASSIFIED

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MATTER TO TOURIST OFFICE, AS WELL AS TO TIJUANA POLICE CHIEF WITH REQUEST THAT INCIDENT BE INVESTIGATED. CONOFF ALSO SPOKE WITH OFFICIAL FROM LA MESA DELEGATION WHO SUBSEQUENTLY LOCATED DR. CANE'S DOCUMENTS AND RETURNED THEM TO CONGEN.
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